

**Washington, DC** – U.S. Congressman Mike Pence, a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, issued the following statement today after the United Nations passed multilateral sanctions against Iran:

**“Instead of deterring Iran’s quest for nuclear weapons, today’s action by the United Nations Security Council will embolden the terrorist nation. The action by the Security Council is a devastating repudiation of President Obama’s internationalist approach to foreign policy, further unleashing the very forces his administration promised to tame.**

**“The weak resolution adopted today allows Iran to continue enriching uranium, developing ballistic missile capability, and purchasing state of the art anti-aircraft missiles. The U.N. Security Council's inability to give unanimous assent to a weak Iran sanctions resolution is a failure of leadership and an abdication of that institution's historic charter to confront gathering threats by dictatorial regimes.**

**“Congress must swiftly enact punitive economic sanctions against Iran while there is still time. Only decisive American action can force Tehran to abandon its nuclear ambitions.”**